

School Community Council Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2015
3:30 PM

Attendance: Ken Higgins, Shanna Carroll, Sherrie Russell, Susan Westover, Mindi Beck, Wendy Condie, Ron Dressler, Veronica Reginato, Pete Gallant (TSA)

Approval of minutes:

A correction was made to the proposed meeting date of June 6, 2015, at 3:30 PM to June 6, 2016, at 10:00 AM. A motion was made by Wendy Condie to approve the June 8, 2015, minutes. Seconded by Veronica Reginato.

Yay: 7

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 (Sherrie Russell had not arrived when the vote was taken)

Contact information:

Council members were asked to verify their contact information by initialing their approval. Their names and email addresses will be posted on Ridgeline Elementary's website.

Review dates for 2015-2016 SCC meetings:

The following dates for upcoming SCC meetings were approved:

Monday	September 14, 2015	3:30 pm
Monday	November 9, 2015	3:30 pm
Monday	February 1, 2016	3:30 pm
Monday	March 14, 2016	3:30 pm
Monday	June 6, 2016	10:00 am

Folders:

Shanna Carroll prepared and distributed a folder to each council member. The folders contained a checklist of member responsibilities, rules and orders of procedures, rules for making motions, bylaws, safe technology information, and Alpine School District's calendar. They were asked to read the safe technology information so they can be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting in November. The bylaws state that members need to be at 75% of the meetings.

Updates:

Ken Higgins thanked the council members for their willingness to serve and for their valuable input. Ridgeline has been able to purchase technology equipment in the past from grants. There will be a strong emphasis placed on language arts this year. Teachers are writing goals for Student Learning Objectives (SLO's). Ridgeline was ranked as an "A" school last year but is currently ranked as a "B" school. Language arts is an area we want to improve. The fourth grade is piloting the new Wonders program.

- a. Staffing. We currently have 986 students. We were anticipating over 1,000 students this year. Even though our kindergarten numbers were lower than anticipated, we were still able to hire an additional teacher. The kindergarten class sizes are 20 – 22 students. There will be additional growth with new housing developments in both Highland and Suncrest. Over 50% of Ridgeline’s enrollment is from Suncrest. The Canyons School District in Draper and Alpine School District have an ongoing agreement that these students can be bussed to Alpine School District. All four preschool sessions have been filled; there are five teachers per grade level for kindergarten through fifth grade; sixth grade has four teachers.
- b. SAGE testing: SAGE test results for Ridgeline may have been affected in part by the number of special education students enrolled. There are a total of 134 students receiving services. Some of these students have an IEP for resource as well as speech. We have two full-time special education teachers and 15 hours of aide help.
- c. Interim testing: Interim testing is a revised, shortened version of SAGE. Students are completing the test in about one-half hour. This testing will help show where adjustments need to be made and help us look at the growth throughout the year. There will be regular SAGE testing at the end of the year.
- d. DIBLES: This is quick test for kindergarten through third grade that determines progress. About 600 students were tested last Wednesday by 15 testers. The testers will come again in January and in the spring. This provides a baseline of where students are right now. Teachers will use this information to determine growth. All grade levels are doing DRA, which is more specific.

Trustlands:

- a. Chromebooks have been purchased with money from the Trustlands and textbooks account. When we receive additional Trustlands money next year, we would like to purchase the last set of chromebooks and free up future funding for other things.
- b. Showing the Trustlands training video is no longer required. If interested, council members may watch the video that can be found on the School Land Trust website.

Election of chairman and vice chairman:

Susan Westover made a motion that the current chairman, Shanna Carroll, and vice chairman, Sherrie Russell, continue serving in that capacity. Seconded by Veronica Reginato.

Yay: 7

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 (Mindi Beck had go leave early and was not present for the vote)

SCC chairman training on Monday, September 21:

As re-elected chairman, Shanna Carroll will attend the SCC chairman training.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 3:30. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.